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In re Application of: John E. Holland et al.
Serial No.: 10/075,786
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For: **PROTECTIVE COVER**

Examiner: William H. Mayo
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2002, Applicant submits herewith an Amendment and Response. In addition, please provide a Three-Month Extension of Time up to and including February 6, 2003 to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check of \$465.00 for the Extension of Time fee is enclosed..

If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on Page 1, beginning on Line 4 and ending on Line 5 with the following:

A1
This application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/860,423 filed May 18, 2001, now pending, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A2
1. (Amended) A protective cover for lengths of material used in environments in which said lengths of material are subjected to abrasion, chemicals, or weather extremes, said protective cover comprising a sleeve surrounding said length of material, said sleeve having open ends and